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SUBJECT: MFA ORAL STATEMENT ON VARTANOV CASE

REF: STATE 299082, STATE 288605, MOSCOW 18593, MOSCOW 18530

1. DURING ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR'S DECEMBER 10 CALL ON CHIEF MFA USA DIVISION BILATERAL SECTION TRIFONOV, AT LATTER'S REQUEST, TRIFONOV SAID (IN LOW KEY) HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM EMBASSY THAT SOVIET SIDE DID NOT ACCEPT FACTS CONCERNING VARTANOV CASE AS SPELLED OUT IN EMBASSY'S NOTE OF NOVEMBER 9 AND WISHED TO REAFFIRM THE CONTENTS OF THE MFA'S NOTE OF NOVEMBER 3.

2. EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT WE APPARENTLY WERE AT IMPASSE, BECAUSE THERE WAS NO DOUBT AS TO THE VERACITY OF THE FACTS IN OUR NOTE. HE SAID THAT U.S. VIEWED THIS AS SERIOUS MATTER, WHICH WAS COMPLICATED BY APPARENTLY DELIBERATE SPREADING OF DISTORTIONS IN RECENT ARITCLE IN LITERATURNAYA GAZETA. EMBOFF ADDED THAT EMBASSY WOULD SHORTLY BE IN FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH MINISTRY ON THIS QUESTION. TRIFONOV SHRUGGED AND SAID THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS DID NOT COVER ARTICLE IN LITERATURNAYA GAZETA.

3. FYI: EMBASSY PLANS TO DELIVER PROTEST NOTE ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, UNLESS CAIRO WISHES TO ADD SPECIFIC POINTS TO DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDED TEXT. END FYI.

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